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Takeshi Shibata et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2823  
Application No.: 10/743,522 )  
Filed: December 23, 2003 ) Examiner: Nguyen, Khiem D.  
For: STENCIL MASK WITH ) Confirmation No.: 7673  
CHARGE-UP PREVENTION AND )  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
THE SAME )

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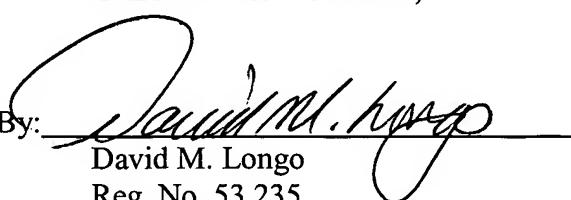
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